

Borough of Gt. Torrington Medical Officer of Health
Annual Report for 1943.

In this year the general health of the Borough has been good. There was an epidemic of influenza which prevailed in December, ~~thun~~ though only 3 deaths were certified as due to influenza as the primary cause.

There were 7 cases of scarlet fever notified in the spring; 1 case of whooping cough; 3 cases of tuberculosis, all affecting the lung: 1 was in the person of ~~an~~ man serving in the R.A.F.

37 Births, 2 less than in the previous year; 20 boys and 17 girls.

42 Deaths, 13 males and 29 females.

Immunization of children for diptheria was carried out at monthly sessions.

The Water Supply as regards quantity and quality is satisfactory, but the distribution is most unsatisfactory. The higher areas of the town are , during the day, usually without any supply at all. I have repeatedly called the Council's attention to the ~~ix~~ importance of this shortage, but no effective action has been taken. It ~~appears~~ to be due to the encrustation of the mains, and in my opinion the advice of a Water Engineer should be sought without delay.

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